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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,

NOVEMBER 29, 1902, AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Perrine. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The Secretary read the names of new members elected.

The following papers were presented:-

The Longitudinal Aberration of a Parabolic Mirror, by Professor W. J. Hussey. Observations of the Eclipsed Moon, by Miss Rose O'Halloran. Planetary Phenomena for January and February, 1903, by Professor M. McNeill. Observations of the Total Eclipse of the Moon, by Dr. S. D. Townley.

The Chairman then introduced the lecturer of the evening, Professor W. J. Hussey, Astronomer at the Lick Observatory. The subject of the lecture was "Recent Progress in Double-Star Astronomy." After giving a short historical sketch of this branch of the science, Professor Hussey presented in tabular form the results obtained by all observers, from the first observations by Herschel down to those of the present year, and impressed his interested audience with the great difficulties encountered in obtaining accurate measures of close pairs of double stars. After exhibiting a number of slides of double-star orbits and of astronomical objects the lecturer answered various questions put by members of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned.